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P&G Case 8369Q

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of	::	
Sprengard-Eichel, et al	::	Confirmation No. 6846
Serial No. 09/778,371	::	Group Art Unit: 3761
Filed: February 7, 2001	::	Examiner: M. Kidwell
For: ABSORBENT ARTICLE WITH THERMAL CELL ACTUATOR		

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed on July 30, 2002, the Applicants hereby respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete and replace the designated paragraphs with the replacement paragraphs in clean form herewith submitted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(ii). The location of each paragraph to be deleted and replaced is identified on the pages of replacement paragraphs in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(i). In addition, as required by 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(iii), this amendment is accompanied by another version of the replacement paragraphs marked up to show all the changes relative to the previous version of the paragraphs.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the pending claims according to the clean version of the entire set of pending claims herewith submitted in a single paper in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(3). Each amended claim therein rewritten is indicated by the parenthetical expression "amended" following the claim number, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(i). In addition, as required by 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii), this amendment is accompanied by another version of each rewritten claim marked up to show all the changes relative to the previous version of the amended claim. As stated in 37 CFR 1.121(c)(3), each claim in the clean version not accompanied by a marked up version constitutes an assertion that it has not been changed relative to the immediate prior version.